



## CALIFORNIA STATE THREAT ASSESSMENT CENTER

### 24-HOUR REPORT

**13 OCTOBER 2022**

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#### **(U) CALIFORNIA**

##### **(U) Riverside – Man Arrested for Setting 25 Commercial Trucks Ablaze in 8 Different States in 2 Years**

(U) A Michigan man appeared in court Wednesday after he allegedly set 25 fires on trailers belonging to a major commercial trucking company in eight different states over a span of more than two years. The man was arrested Tuesday morning. These incidents occurred at locations spanning from Barstow, California to McCalla, Alabama, with most incidents occurring along Interstate 10 and Interstate 40. Law enforcement has learned of six fires in California, three fires in Arizona, nine fires in New Mexico, three fires in Texas, and one fire each in Oklahoma, Louisiana, Arkansas, and Alabama.

SOURCE: 12 October 2022, [US DOJ](#)

##### **(U) Sacramento – 4 Million Pills, 864-pounds of Illegal Fentanyl Seized in California in Last 18 Months**

(U) More than four million fentanyl pills and 864-pounds of fentanyl powder were seized over the last 18 months by law enforcement agencies across California. During that span, law enforcement agencies arrested 217 suspects accused of moving or dealing deadly fentanyl. In Southern California, the operations led to the seizure of nearly 2.3 million fentanyl pills and 762-pounds of powder and 121 arrests. In the Inland Empire, 25 suspects were arrested while 790,000 pills and 36-pounds of powder were seized. California Attorney General also announced creation of an expanded law enforcement program targeted at fentanyl.

SOURCE: 12 October 2022, [ABC7 News](#)

#### **(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER**

##### **(U) Texas – US CBP Officers Seize \$402K in Liquid Methamphetamine**

(U) Eagle Pass – On Tuesday, Custom and Border Protection (CBP) officers assigned to Eagle Pass Camino Real International Bridge encountered a vehicle where officers discovered a total of nearly 44-pounds of alleged liquid methamphetamine concealed within 136 condoms inside four pumpkins within the vehicle. CBP seized the narcotics, vehicle and turned the driver and passenger over to the custody of Maverick County Sheriff's Office deputies for further investigation.

SOURCE: 12 October 2022, [US CBP](#)

##### **(U) Texas – US CBP Officers Seize an Estimated \$1.4 Million Worth of Cocaine**

(U) El Paso – CBP Officers working at the Bridge of the Americas Cargo Facility intercepted 128-pounds of cocaine with an estimated street value of \$1.4 million. The seizure occurred on 6 October at the Bridge of the Americas cargo facility when a male Mexican national truck driver attempted entry. Examination led CBP officers to the discovery of 52 bundles with a combined weight of 128-pounds of cocaine. The narcotics and tractor trailer were seized by CBP. The case remains under investigation.

SOURCE: 12 October 2022, [US CBP](#)

**(U) NATIONAL**

**(U) Connecticut – Two Police Officers Killed After Phony 911 Call and Ambush with AR-15**

(U) Bristol – Two police officers were killed, and one is seriously injured after a gunman allegedly ambushed them at a Bristol home. The Bristol police officers were shot while responding to a domestic violence emergency call at a home late Wednesday night. According to police sources, the gunman made a fake 911 call for a disturbance at his home then carried out an apparent ambush attack on the officers with an AR-15-style rifle. The suspect was shot dead at the scene, police said. The suspect's brother was also shot and has been hospitalized in unknown condition.

SOURCE: 13 October 2022, [ABC News](#)

**(U) New York – Eight Charged with Illegally Distributing More Than 1.2 Million Oxycodone Pills**

(U) Brooklyn – On Tuesday, a 10-count indictment was unsealed charging Dr. Somsri Ratanaprasatporn and seven others including her staff, pharmacists, and others with conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute oxycodone and related crimes. Two are also charged with money laundering in connection with their alleged efforts to hide the proceeds of their illegal oxycodone distribution operation. Between December 2018 and October 2022, the defendants operated a drug distribution ring out of a medical practice in East New York, Brooklyn, unlawfully distributed more than 11,000 prescriptions for oxycodone, amounting to more than 1.2 million oxycodone pills, which carry a street value of at least \$24 million.

SOURCE: 12 October 2022, [US DOJ](#)

**(U) New York – NYC Announces its Largest Fentanyl Seizure in History**

(U) New York City – Days after federal officials announced the largest fentanyl seizure in New York City history, an even greater quantity of the highly addictive substance has been found. Two people have been arrested and charged with multiple drug and firearm charges in connection to the seizure on 7 October at a Bronx apartment building. Authorities found roughly 300,000 rainbow-colored fentanyl pills inside two closets in the apartment, and more than 22-pounds of the drug in powdered form were wrapped in clear plastic packaging in multiple rooms. The total sum of the drugs is worth about \$9 million in street value.

SOURCE: 13 October 2022, [CNN](#)

**(U) North Dakota – 1,000-Pounds of Homemade Explosive Materials Found in Williston Apartment**

(U) Bismarck – More than a 1,000-pounds of homemade explosive materials were found in an occupied Williston apartment on Monday night, bomb squad officials estimated. Williston Police Department initially responded to that location after a report of possible narcotic activity but discovered suspected explosive materials in an apartment. The apartment building was evacuated, and multiple bomb squads responded. The investigation into the explosive materials is still active and evacuated residents cannot return to their homes. The Department confirmed that no arrests have been made in connection with the ongoing criminal investigation, but a person of interest has been identified.

SOURCE: 11 October 2022, [Williston Herald](#)

**(U) INTERNATIONAL**

**(U) Slovakia – Researchers Uncover Custom Backdoors and Spying Tools Used by Polonium Hackers**

(U) Bratislava – Researchers at cyber security firm ESET discovered five previously undocumented backdoors to the hacking group Polonium, leading the researchers to believe the group is primarily

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espionage-oriented. Polonium is believed to be based out of Lebanon and has been linked to over a dozen highly targeted attack against Israeli entities. The intrusions were aimed at organizations in various verticals, such as engineering, information technology, law, communications, branding and marketing, media, insurance, and social services.

SOURCE: 13 October 2022, [Hacker News](#)

### **(U) Somalia – SNA Forces Kill More Than 50 Al-Shabaab Militants in Foiled Attack on Army Base**

(U) Hiran – The Somali National Army (SNA) said Wednesday its forces killed more than 50 al-Shabaab militants in a foiled terror attack on its base at a village in Hiran region of central Somalia. The attack at the army base located in Yasoman village killed three SNA soldiers. On Tuesday in central Hiran, twenty al-Qa'ida affiliated al-Shabaab militants, including a senior commander, were killed during a military operation.

SOURCE: 12 October 2022, [Ahran Online](#)

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